would be the reaction if Dogri is included in the Eighth Schedule? The honourable Minister should educate me on this. What would be the reaction if Rajasthani is inculuded or if Manipuri is included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution? What would be the reaction and repercussion if these languages are included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, the reaction or repercussion that we anticipate is that there would be more demands of this nature to include more languages in the Eighth Schedule as we have seen after the inclusion of Sindhi and it gives rise to a false expectation that only by including in the Eighth Schedule a language can be developed. In fact, as the honourable Member knows, there are only two article of the Constitution which have any reference ot the Eighth Schedule and inclusion in the Eighth Schedule does not really mean development of a language. And, Sir, the Government as at present advised that we must strain our efforts to develop the languages and not be concerned so much about the inclusion of the languages in the Eighth Schedule.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Prashant, you put your second supplementary.

SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the form it requires. . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

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## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### Statement by Sri Lankan President on ethnic issue

*185. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement of Sri Lankan President, published in the 'Island' and reproduced in the 'Hindu' dated the 29th January, 1987, which contained, among others, the observation "We are not adopting any course of action-military or otherwise, which the Indian Government is not adopting against otherwise, which the Indian Government is not adopting against terrorists in Punjab"; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reported comparison between the situation in Sri Lanka and that in Punjab is unwarranted, misleading and mischievous.

### Implementation of Mizoram Accord

*186. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various provisions of the Mizoram Accord which have not so far been implemented;

(b) what are the reasons for non-implementation of the remaining provisions of the Mizoram Accord; and

(c) how much time is expected to be taken for full implementation of the Mizoram Accord?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) In so far as Central Government is concerned, action as required to implement the provisions of the Memorandum of Settlement on Mizoram has already been taken. MNF personnel came overground and deposited arms and ammunition according to a time-bound programme thus restoring normalcy in Mizoram. Steps for the resettlement and rehabilitation of MNF personnel have been taken. Legislative measures envisaged in the Memorandum have already been taken by the Central Government Elections were held to the 40-member State Legislative Assembly and the elected Government has assumed office. The State of Mizoram has come into

being with effect from 20th February, 1987.

**Pension to former Indian National Army personnel**

*188. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of applications for pension so far received from persons belonging to the former Indian National Army;

(b) how many of the applicants have been sanctioned pension so far;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to liberalise the rules governing payment of pension to freedom fighters with a view to extend such benefits to the civilian members of the former Indian National Army; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) Freedom Fighters Division of Home Ministry received 34,665 in-time applications from Ex-INA personnel. Out of this, 18,814 persons have so far been sanctioned pension.

(c) and (d) According to existing provisions of the scheme, persons who had joined I.N.A. from Civilian side are also eligible for pension provided they had suffering as prescribed under the scheme. Government have constituted a Committee and taken steps to ensure that applicants eligible under th scheme get their pension.

**Safety and Security of Workers in Construction Industry**

*190. SHRI THANGABAALU:
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for the Safety and security of workers engaged in the construction industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the Indian Standards Institution has evolved a number of standards for safety in construction industry. Municipal bye-laws also regulate construction activity within municipal limits. Also, Central and State Public Works Departments corporate safety provisions in construction contracts awarded by them.

**Schemes for the Rehabilitation of displaced Persons in West Bengal**

*191. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have recently advised the State Government of West Bengal to expedite the completion of the on-going schemes for the rehabilitation of displaced persons in the State;

(b) if so, what are the details of the on-going schemes and the various stages of their implementation till date; and

(c) what other schemes, apart from the on-going ones, are now pending with the Central Government for approval?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Government of India has been advising the Government of West Bengal from time to time to expedite the completion of 'on-going' schemes for the rehabilitation of displaced persons from former East Pakistan.

(b) The on-going schemes and their stages of implementation are as under:—

(i) *Grant of House Building loans to remaining ex-camp families:*

The State Government had sought acquisition of additional 12 acres of